

THE STORY
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At the recent elections, Mr. McLaren was declared elected by a majority of two. In the count Mr. Revett is returned by a majority of two. The vote officially stands, McLaren: 265; Revett, 267.

Mr. Kingstone appeared for Mr. Revett; Mr. Brennan for Mr. McLaren. John Knox, township clerk was in charge of the ball box.

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BORN.

Jewson—At Fort Erie to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jewson, a daughter.

Rees—In Grimsby on Saturday, Jan 17, 1920 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rees a son (Henry John).

Reduce H. C. L.

Need Good Feeders

"I have been told several times to-night that we need trunk roads. Of course we do, and we are going to have them, but not until all produce can be brought to the consumer by trunk roads and this is especially true in Ontario because of the geographical shape of the province. Most people will admit that trunk roads are of little use for this purpose unless we have feeders to them.

"Ninety per cent. of the roads that have been taken over by the province are provincial county roads, roads of major importance, the most important roads outside the trunk roads. Every road taken over by the province as a county road means just that much less expenditure on the local townships, and therefore that much more money that can be expended in extending township roads. Every time the government takes over the maintenance of some road from a county it means that the county can go ahead and build others."

Sneaking for Government

The Minister claimed that Premier Drury's remarks about Ontario highway had been misquoted.

"What I say to-night is not only my own personal opinion and policy but it is the policy of Mr. Drury and the Ontario government," he said.

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The minister declared it to be the government's policy to pay the townships 20 per cent. of the cost of their roads the work to be done under government supervision.

"I have no use for statute labor," declared the minister amid loud laughter. "If you commute statute labor you commute a very good annual holiday. The counties have the right under the law to abolish it, and they should do so. In Ontario there were 1,000,000 statute labor days last year, and at \$1.50 a day it runs into a heavy expenditure."

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The speaker declared that superintendents of roads should be very carefully selected. The late government had paid one-quarter of the salary of the superintendent up to \$600. The government in future would pay forty per cent. of the salary. (See page 5, Col. 3)

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His Majesty the King, to receive his decoration.
In 1919 Capt. Kidd married Miss Kathleen Syms, of London.
Mrs. Kidd has returned to Canada with her gallant-soldier-
In the summer of 1919, Mrs. Kidd and Miss Lilah Gallant went to to
see their son and brother, and, accompanied by Miss Marguerite
Gallant, they sailed from New York on August 30. Capt. Kidd followed on
November 15th and the whole party returned to GRIMSBY on Sunday
morning of this week.

Capt. R. H. Kidd, M.C., is but an example of the "stuff we gl' em" during the strenuous years of 1914-18 and to GRIMSBY he has brought honor; upholding the best traditions of Canada and its manhood in the field and "carrying on" in the face of all odds. We welcome Capt. Kidd warmly, and no words of ours can convey to him the thanksgiving we feel over his safe return to his native heath.

By George Wilson, in High School Meteor

Professor Spondulicks, a noted and learned astronomer of the age, was very much interested in the stars and heavenly bodies. He built a monstrous telescope through which he could see millions of miles. One night while studying the stars and meteors he discovered a huge planet falling at a terrific rate of speed toward the earth. At first he did not give it much thought, but in thinking it over he realized to his great alarm that the earth was much smaller than the falling planet and consequently if the planet's downward fall were not checked, the earth would be completely annihilated.

Then the professor resolved to find some way of saving the earth from destruction. He decided that he first must have a gun to blow the planet to pieces. Therefore he manufactured a wonderful weapon which would fire a shell that would explode with terrific force. Now the professor was puzzled. He found by making minute calculations that he could not fire this gun from the earth in time to save it. He consulted his best friend (not Mrs. Spondulicks) and they decided to build a huge airplane with all conveniences for an expedition to the moon. Once there, they would destroy the falling planet. The time for the planet to pass the moon was found to be June 8, and as it was now May 26 they had to make hurried preparations. In the airplane they installed huge machines to manufacture oxygen, and a great many machines to drive it.

The professor had a very adventurous daughter named Typhena, and she seeing her father sitting out this machine for such an expedition, was very anxious to go with him. She asked his consent but he flatly refused. This made her all the more determined to go so with the help of her lover, Gerald Dingleberry, she secreted herself in a box labelled "Pork and Beans," and was put on board with the rest of the supplies. The airplane now being ready to depart Professor Spondulicks shook hands and bid all his friends farewell. Then he asked for his daughter. Gerald knowing her secret told her he was sick. The Professor was in such a hurry to depart that he did not have time to go and see, so her scheme was not found out.

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started on its adventurous journey. Twenty-four hours later we find the airplane five hundred thousand miles from the moon having travelled at the

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Owing to a serious accident, which came within an ace of totally destroying one of our big Linotype machines, without which a newspaper could not publish we are forced to leave an abundance of real live news and locals out of this issue. Lying on the "Copy-board" of the machine at the time of the accident was a full and complete report of last weeks council meeting, which was also destroyed. Most of the matter will be used next week. With the one machine out of commission it is an absolute impossibility for the other machine to get up all the copy in time for publication this week.

action could be taken against an Inland Revenue Officer until thirty days after he had made a seizure, and then only after notifying him in writing that action was to be taken. They claimed that Livingston was going beyond his powers when he issued the warrant, and that he could be dealt with for so doing. Justice Livingston called the officers to order on this point and told them that he could not be lulled, so they better drop that line of argument.

Crooks could, the men stated, have obtained his tool had he made a claim to the Inland Revenue Department for it, and if they thought he had a right to it they would have returned it to him. They admitted taking the tool from the farm, but claimed that they seized it as *parto f the still*, as they could have done with anything else on the farm had they liked. Justice Livingston took *they lew* that the die had been Crooks' property for years, was in his cellar when found and that the still according to the evidence at the trial was a most complete one and was buried in the haymow, and he did not believe they could take anything from a man's premises that was not connected with the still.

According to Baby a list of all the stuff taken at the time of seizure was made up and presented to Justices Livingston and Anderson and they in turn forfeited it to the Crown, and had Crooks had a claim on these goods he should have made it at the time and all would have been settled then and there. His Worship, stated that while a list may have been compiled it had never been presented to the court at the time of the trial and that they never forfeited anything to the crown.

Inspector Baby wished to lay the matter before his department heads and the case was laid over for two weeks.

A COURSE IN FRUIT GROWING

A special course in fruit growing has been arranged for to be held in the Town Hall, Beamsville, from February 6th, inclusive.

Authorities with Dominion wide reputation have been secured to address the meetings. The entire week will be devoted to a study of fruit growing as suited to the best needs of this district.

The courses are intended for young and old, for experienced and inexperienced growers.

For further particulars and programme write the Department of Agriculture, St. Catharines, or watch next weeks edition of the INDEPENDENT.

Everybody come and bring your neighbors.

FOR COUGHS IN HORSES.

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A most beneficial preparation to use for coughs in horses, heaves, asthma, broken wind, etc., is Cook's Cough and Heave Powders. It loosens the phlegm in the throat, invigorates and strengthens the entire system. 25c per can, 5 for \$1.00 at Parke and Parke, Limited, Market Square, Hamilton.